REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing in light of the following remarks, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, is respectfully requested.

Summary of Claims

Claims 91-145 are pending. Claims 96-103, 105-108, 123-130, and 132-135 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 91-95, 104, 109-122, 131, and 136-145 are finally rejected.

Summary of Amendments

By the foregoing amendments, Claims 92-95, 104, 109-117, 119-122, 131 and 136-145 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer to Applicants' right to file one or more continuing applications directed to previously-presented subject matter therein. Cancellation of these claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 116(b), as such cancellation places the application in better condition for appeal.

Also by the foregoing amendments, remaining Claims 91 and 118 have been amended to specify that the structure formed by "W, together with $-C(H)_p C(=X)$ -, ... is fused," as opposed to optionally fused. Amendment of Claims 91 and 118 is also proper under 37 C.F.R. § 116(b), as these amendments place the application in better condition for appeal. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the foregoing amendments, prior to consideration on appeal, is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment, or the application in general, it would be greatly appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions.

Respectfully submitted, BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

B: Gerald F. Swiss

Registration No. 30,113

P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404

Date: March 31, 2003